

Summer 2013 Illinois Coastal Grants Implementation Booklet

Congratulations on being selected as a recipient of the very first round of Illinois Coastal Management Program Grants. We are excited about the projects that have been selected for funding. We see great potential in your project and expect that your work will have a positive impact on Illinois' Lake Michigan natural resources and citizens not just for the duration of the grant but also for years to come.

This implementation packet is intended to provide essential information from day one of your project until project completion. Please read it in its entirety and retain it as a reference.

This booklet, quarterly grant performance report forms, quarterly reimbursement request forms, federal equipment report forms, and logos are available for download on our website: http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/summer2013.aspx

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Illinois Coastal Grants Contacts

Please contact us at any time with questions you may have about the grants program, implementing your project, reporting requirements, reimbursement or match documentation, or any other questions.

Mailing Address:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Program 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S-703 Chicago, IL 60601

Attn: Coastal Grants Program

Main Office Number: 312-814-3123

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Grant Agreement Highlights

The grantee is responsible for being in compliance with all items contained within the grant agreement. The following list of highlights is intended as a reminder of the main items contained within the grant agreement and does not supplant, add to, or replace the grant agreement.

Highlights

- This is a reimbursement grant, so you must spend other funds first and then get reimbursed.
- Reimbursable work on your project can begin as of the Award Date: October 1, 2013
- Reimbursable work must be completed no later than September 30, 2014. No extensions can be granted.
- All requests for reimbursement are due by November 15, 2014 at the very latest. Requests received after that date will not be paid.
- Grantees will undertake work as described in their grant proposal. Budget or scope modifications must be pre-approved by ICMP.
- Due dates for quarterly grant performance reports and quarterly reimbursement requests are listed on the printable calendar on the next page and in the grant agreement.
- Quarterly grant performance reports and reimbursement requests must be submitted on the provided forms.
- At least one printed and one electronic copy of all final materials such as reports, planning documents, curricula, pamphlets, maps, etc. produced as part of the grant-funded project must be included with the final report.
- If the principal contact person for your organization changes, please contact us as soon as
 possible to ensure that communications are making it to the right person.
- If your grant budget includes equipment items (costing \$100 or more), you will be required to document and maintain control of the equipment in accordance with Property Control System requirements. A Federal Equipment Form is available on the grant implementation website (http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/summer2013.aspx).
- Grantees are must comply with all applicable state and federal requirements. Please read the
 grant agreement carefully and let us know if you have any questions about compliance.
- All records and documents related to this grant must be maintained for a minimum of 3 years following project completion. More details are provided on page 8 of this document and in the grant agreement.

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Printable Calendar and Contact Information



2013								
October 1 Award Date! Reimbursable project tasks can begin.								
	2014							
January	January 15 1st Performance Report Due (10/01/13 to 12/31/13)							
April 15 2nd Performance Report Due (01/01/14 to 03/31/14)								
July	15 3rd Performance Report Due (04/01/14 to 06/30/14)							
September 30 End of Grant Period. Project tasks must be combe reimbursable.		End of Grant Period. Project tasks must be completed by this date to be reimbursable.						
October	October 31 Final Report Due (07/01/14 to 09/30/14)							
November	15	All Reimbursement Requests must be in. No exceptions.						

Grants Program Contact:

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Material Changes to the Project Scope or Budget

We are aware that things change and it may be necessary to modify your project approach in order to meet the project goals. Grantees are expected to let us know in a timely manner if you anticipate making any substantial/material changes to the project scope. Grantees are also expected to let us know in a timely manner if you anticipate making changes to budget line-items which impact greater than 20% of the budget. Once you contact us, we will get back to you promptly with guidance on whether the changes will be allowable and on submitting them in writing to amend your project scope and/or budget.

Funding Source Acknowledgement

<u>Logos:</u> Grantees must acknowledge the funding source on all publications or other documents that are generated through this grant. Please use the following logos in the following order:

NOAA Logo/ Illinois Coastal Management Program Logo

Example:





Contact the ICMP staff or visit the grant implementation website for digital copies of the logos. (http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/summer2013.aspx)

Requirements for Reports and Videos:

Grantees must include the following disclaimer in all reports and/or videos generated through this grant.

This [report/video] was prepared by [Grantee name] under award [See chart in the Appendix, pg 15 of this booklet] from NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, U.S. Department of Commerce. The statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management or the U.S. Department of Commerce.

<u>Requirements for Signs:</u> For projects which include permanent signs, grantees must include acknowledgement on the signs located near or at the entrance to the project site that identifies the project and acknowledges this grant program. Logos must be included on the sign; please follow the logo guidance above. The sign must state the following:

This Project is funded in part under the Coastal Zone Management Act, by NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management in conjunction with the Illinois Coastal Management Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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Quarterly Grant Performance Reports and Tracking Sheets

Quarterly Grant Performance Reports and Quarterly Tracking sheets must be submitted to DNR.CMP@illinois.gov as Excel files (.xlsx). Please see page 4 of this packet for deadlines. You can download the Excel workbook on the grant implementation website (http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/summer2013.aspx). Make sure to read the instructions contained within the workbook. Let us know if you need assistance with reporting.

Quarterly Tracking Sheets

To meet NOAA requirements, grantees are required to report on the number of education and outreach events and participants.

Information to track:

- Event name
- Date
- Number of participants
- Whether the event was a training or educational event
- Topic (Coastal Habitat, Coastal Dependent Uses, Coastal Hazards, or Public Access—See .xlsx file for definitions)

Quarterly Grant Performance Reports

Task Completion and Narrative:

Grantees are expected to report the percent complete for each grant task and to write a brief (less than 350 word) narrative of work completed during each reporting period. We provide an example Quarterly Tracking Sheet and an example Quarterly Performance Report on the following pages.

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Example: Quarterly Tracking Sheet

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Attachment E.

ILLINOIS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM QUARTERLY OUTREACH TRACKING SHEET



INSTRUCTIONS: This sheet is required to be completed quarterly for all projects with outreach components. Please fill in the information below for all education, outreach and training events that have been completed this quarter as part of this grant. If your organization has outreach components in your project but did not conduct outreach or training events this quarter, fill in "None" or "N/A" as the event name on line 1. Gray fields will fill in automatically.

Will autofill from the Quarterly Performance Report and from equations within the form

10									
11		Number	Event Date	Event Description (include details such as event name, audience, where, topics)	Participants				
12	EX	NOAA 13-1-EX	10/3/2013	Frog Walk with Ms. Watson's 4th grade class to Beaubien Woods. Topics: Ecology, invasive species, amphibians, outdoor recreation, stewardship.	23				
13	1	NOAA 13-1-1	10/18/2013	Hall School Invasive Plants Training- 5th grade	45				
14	2	NOAA 13-1-2	11/2/2013	Hall School Invasive Plants Training- 4th grade	72				
15	3	NOAA 13-1-3	11/4/2013	Bowen School- Tree Identification and Coastal Ecology Assembly- 1st to 5th grades	175				
16	4	NOAA 13-1-4	12/1/2013	Hall School Sustainability Assembly- Topic: What you can do to help protect our waterways, 3rd to 5th grades	205				
17	5	NOAA 13-1-5	12/7/2013	Bowen School Sustainability Assembly-Topic: What you can do to help protect our waterways, 3rd to 5th grades	162				
18	6	NOAA 13-1-6	11/12/2013	Mrs. Ron's 4th grade class (Bowen School) Canoe Training at Wolf Lake. Outdoor Recreation.	16				
19	7	NOAA 13-1-7	10/2/2013	Kery School, Stream Erosion Field Trip, 11th grade Environmental Science classes	59				
20	8	NOAA 13-1-8	10/17/2013	1st Teacher Curriculum Training	10				
21	9	NOAA 13-1-9							
22	10	NOAA 13-1-10							
23	11	NOAA 13-1-11							
H 4	Quarterly Performance Report Quarterly Tracking Sheet								

Enter each event that was part of your grantfunded project on its own line.

Example: Quarterly Grant Performance Report

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Coastal Management Program								
Grant Number	NOAA 13-1 Repo	NOAA 13-1 Report Date (MM/DD/YY): 01/15/14						
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Grantee:	Local School District #123	Phone #:	312-555-55	55				
Project Title:	Best Education Project Ever		-					
Project Administrator:	Lynn Smith	nn Smith EMAIL				<u>123.edu</u>	Please fill	
Status of Tasks (please list tasks fron	1 your grant application)			Percent Co	mplete		out	
Task Name (or VERY brief des	cription- use only space provided)	0%	25%	50%	75%	100%		
1 Meetings with Partners to p	lan project implementation					x		
2 Recruit Teachers/Schools fo	r involvement in program					x		
3 Complete and print new cur	riculum					x		
4 Train 15 teachers on Lake M	l curriculum				x			
5 Coordinate 10 invasive spec	ies trainings/workdays in natural areas		x					
6 Sponsor 12 presentations a			x					
	·						These names are	
<u> </u>					X		These numbers	
8 Post-program student and to	eacher evaluations	X					come from your quarterly tracking	
9 Final project symposium wit	h students from all schools	x					sheet. Both forms	
10 Final report and curriculum	modifications	×					must be	
The following fields auto-fills	from the Quarterly Tracking Sheet		<u> </u>				completed.	
Total Events	8 Total Participants	744	1					
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Short narrative of work accom	plished during this reporting period. Is pr	oject on ti	rack? If no	t, explain. (35	0 words	max):	Write a couple	
	ng School District #123, Museum X, Park (reate an outreach strategy to teachers, a						of paragraphs	
	transportation and recruited teachers. A	_				1 1	on work	
	d organized the logistics of field trips and		_				accomplished	
• I	or, Jim Thistle, who organized and ran a to vorkdays, a field trip, and a canoe training		_				this quarter	
	and teachers participating in those train							
forest. Currently 10 teacher	s at 4 schools are participating in the pro	ogram.						
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Department of Natural Resources.							Sign, Date,	
Signature of Project Administrator: Lynn Smith Date Signed (month, day, year):							and Print	
Printed Nan	Lynn Smith			1	Title 1	/15/2014		
IDNR Project Manager's Review and Approval: To the best of my knowledge, I believe the information provided herein is accurate,								
complete, and in compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. I therefore approve the performance report.								
IDNR Signatu	re:		(n	Date Sig nonth, day, ye				
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Quarterly Reimbursement Requests

Signed requests for reimbursement and associated financial documentation are due on the same schedule as quarterly reports (See Calendar on Page 4). No reimbursement requests received after November 15, 2014 will be processed. We do not have any flexibility on this final deadline and no extensions will be given. Reimbursement checks are issued by the State of Illinois Comptroller's office and will take approximately eight (8) to twelve (12) weeks to arrive from the time that completed reimbursement requests and supporting documentation have been received by our office.

Grantees are required to use the **Quarterly Reimbursement Request Form** provided (downloadable from http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/summer2013.aspx). For your convenience we have tried to make the form as easy as possible. The forms are designed to autofill: as you complete the first quarterly report, the header information, budgeted amounts, and amounts spent autofill for the following quarters. Let us know if you have any issues with the forms. We have included examples of a first quarter and a second quarter report below on pages 11 and 12.

Supporting documentation is required for reimbursable expenses AND match and must be submitted along with the Quarterly Reimbursement Request Form. Expenses must be necessary, reasonable, allocable, and allowable under the grant agreement. Grantees must maintain file copies of all documentation related to the grant including documents submitted to the Department. Examples of documentation include payroll receipts; signed timesheets; detailed logs of volunteer hours including dates, length of time, activities conducted by volunteers, and pay rate for equivalent paid work; documentation of individual expenses such as paid invoices or receipts; proof of payment such as canceled checks, bank statements, electronic reference, etc. Grantees are expected to follow their organization's bookkeeping and accounting policies as well as all relevant state and federal regulations.

We **strongly** recommend that your CPA review your reimbursement documents and provide a signed letter attesting to their accuracy. Although we are not requiring such a review of reimbursement documents by a CPA for this round of grants, requests for reimbursement which are accompanied by a signed letter from a Certified Public Accountant will be processed first before other submissions. We will allow this review to be used as match or included as a reimbursable expense.

Reimbursement Request Submission Instructions

- 1. Select either electronic, paper **or** fax submission. Sending some items electronically and others in paper format or via fax will delay your reimbursement.
- 2. Organize supporting documentation in accordance with your organization's established bookkeeping and accounting procedures. If your organization does not have established procedures to help with this task, we recommend creating (and providing us with) a spreadsheet that connects each item of documentation with the expense category that it falls within and tallies the expenses. Please contact us with any questions or for an example.
- 3. Maintain a copy of all materials for your records.
- 4. Fill out and sign the Quarterly Reimbursement Request Form for the quarter you are reporting. We provide example Reimbursement Request/Financial Report forms on the following pages. The form is downloadable from our implementation website: http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/summer2013.aspx
- 5. Optional but strongly recommended: Have your CPA (ideally the accountant who conducts your organization's regular organization-wide independent audits) attest to the accuracy of the submission. This will expedite processing. Include a signed letter from the CPA in your submission.
- 6. If submitting electronically:
 - Scan signed form. Email digital copies of *all* materials to DNR.CMP@illinois.gov . Include the words Reimbursement Request and your grant number in your subject line.

If submitting paper copies:

Mail to: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Coastal Management Program

160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S-703

Chicago, IL 60601

Attn: Coastal Grants Program- Reimbursement

If submitting via fax:

Fax all documents to (312) 793-5968, Attention: Luz Payan

7. The status of your reimbursement can be checked at:

https://www.wh1.ioc.state.il.us/index.cfm/financial-inquiries/vendor-inquiries/

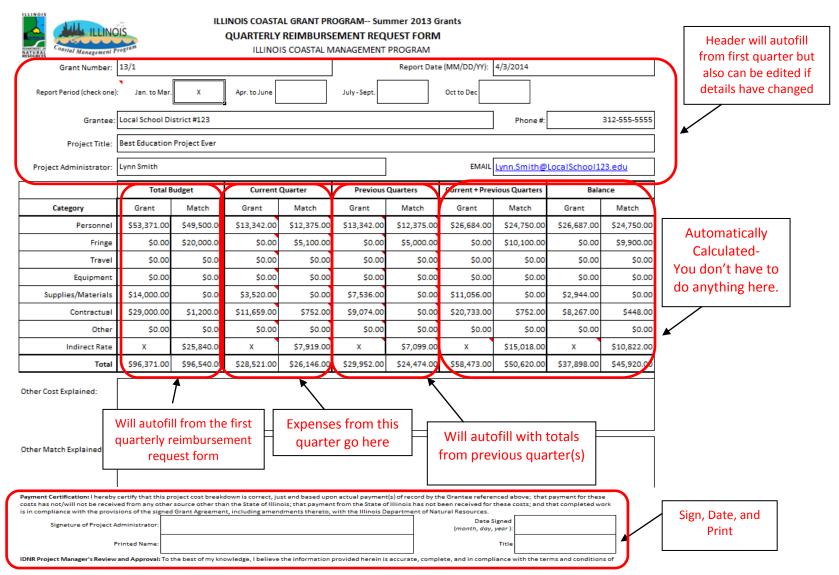
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Example: Quarterly Reimbursement Request Form - FIRST QUARTER

ILLINOIS COASTAL GRANT PROGRAM.— Summer 2013 Grants QUARTERLY REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM ILLINOIS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM							Fill in header for the first quarter and it				
Grant Number:	13/1 Report Date (MM/DD/YY): 1/5/2014								will autofill for		
Report Period (check one):	Jan. to Mar.		Apr. to June		July - Sept.		Oct to Dec	х			subsequent quarters
Grantee:	Local School District #123 Phone #: 312-555-5555										
Project Title:	Best Education Project Ever										
Doning Administration	Lynn Smith						EMAIL	Lunn Smith®	LocalSchool1	32 adu	
Project Administrator:							T				
	Total E	Budget	Current	Quarter	Previous	Quarters	Current + Pres	rious Quarters	Bala	nce	Automatically
Category	Grant	Match	Grant	Match	Grant	Match	Grant	Match	Grant	Match	Calculated-
Personnel	\$53,371.00	\$49,500.00	\$13,342.00	\$12,375.00			\$13,342.00	\$12,375.00	\$40,029.00	\$37,125.00	You don't have to
Fringe	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	do anything here.
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	do anything here.
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies/Materials	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,536.00	\$0.00			\$7,536.00	\$0.00	\$6,464.00	\$0.00	
Contractual	\$29,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$9,074.00	\$0.00			\$9,074.00	\$0.00	\$19,926.00	\$1,200.00	
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Indirect Rate	Х	\$25,840.00	Х	\$7,099.00	Х		Х	\$7,099.00	Х	\$18,741.00	/
Total	\$96,371.00	\$96,540.0	\$29,952.00	\$24,474.00	\$0.00	\$0.0	\$29,952.00	\$24,474.00	\$66,419.00	\$72,066.00	
Other Cost Explained:	Dither Cost Explained: Fill in from your grant application Expenses from this quarter go here Property Property										
Other Match Explained: Sign, Date, and Sign, Date, and											
osts has not/will not be received in compliance with the provious Signature of Project A	sions of the signe						Natural Resources.	Signed	that completed v	work	Print
NR Project Manager's Review	and Approval: To	the best of my kno	owledge, I believe	the information	provided herein i	is accurate, cor	mplete, and in comp	L liance with the te	erms and conditio	ons of	

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Example: Quarterly Reimbursement Request Form - SECOND QUARTER (and subsequent quarters)



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Final Report Requirements

MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

October 31, 2014

Requirements:

Please submit the following via email to DNR.CMP@illinois.gov or via digital media (DVD, flash drive, etc) to our mailing address:

- 1) Quarterly Tracking Sheet for July 1 through September 30, 2014 (.xlsx file format, please)
- 2) Quarterly Grant Performance Report for July 1 through September 30, 2014 (.xlsx file format, please)
- 3) Expanded Project Narrative- A narrative report on all work completed as part of this project. This is an expansion on the short narratives included in the grant reports. It should tell the full story of the project.
- 4) Project Narrative Attachments If possible, please include high-resolution photos with photo release forms, quotes from participants, and anecdotes on memorable parts of the project such as meaningful interactions between students, teachers, and nature. These materials will become the property of the Department and will be used in future RFPs, on our website, and on other outreach materials. We want to recognize your hard work. We will accept various file formats for these materials (.pdf, .doc, various photo and/or video formats, etc).
- 5) A digital copy of a of all final products created through this project such as reports, planning documents, curricula, pamphlets, maps, etc. produced as part of the grant-funded project
- 6) The link to any websites created as part of this project

Please mail the following:

1) At least one printed copy of materials in #4 above.

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Site Visits

We're very excited about this first round of grants and want to take the opportunity to see your project firsthand. We would like to arrange at least one in-person visit to see your project in action. Due to the nature of environmental education projects, we'd love to time our visit with a highlight such as a symposium, classroom presentation, field trip, training, workday, etc. As you begin project implementation, start thinking about when you'd like us to come out, and we will be in touch to plan our visit.

Thanks!!

Legal Requirements: RECORD RETENTION / AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Record Retention

As stipulated in the General Provisions of the grant Project Agreement, the local project sponsor (grantee) must maintain, for a minimum three (3) year period following project completion, satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records associated with the project and the disbursement of grant funds pursuant to this Agreement, and shall make them available to the Illinois DNR and/or the State of Illinois, Auditor General, and the Attorney General for auditing at reasonable times. Failure by the grantee to maintain such accounts, documents, and records as required herein shall establish a presumption in favor of the State of Illinois for recovery of any funds paid by the State per this Agreement for which adequate records are not available to support their purported disbursement.

Audit Requirements

Local agencies receiving a cumulative total of \$500,000 or more in state assistance in a given year are required to have an agency-wide annual financial and compliance audit conducted as is generally required by 1) state law (65 ILCS 5/8-8-1 et seq. Or 55 ILCS 5/6-31001 et seq.) 2) by the grantee's own governing body, as applicable. A copy of the audit must be provided to DNR, upon request, OR if any findings (irregularities) involving the Coastal Management grant are reported in the audit.

The audit must be conducted by an independent public accountant, certified and licensed by authority of the State of Illinois and conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards adopted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA, 1985) Procurement of the necessary audit(s) is the responsibility of the local agency and can follow established local procurement procedures, provided those procedures promote an open and competitive environment.

Audit Resolution

The grantee shall be responsible for timely action in resolving any audit findings or questioned project costs. In the event that questioned costs are ultimately deemed disallowed as determined by the Illinois DNR or its representative, the grantee shall be responsible for repayment of such costs

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Appendix

Award Numbers for Summer 2013 IL Coastal Grants

(For use in disclaimers which are required for reports and videos- See page 5)

Grantee	NOAA Award Number
Chicago Public Schools	NA11N0S4190180
Forest Preserve District of Cook County	NA11N0S4190180
Lake Forest Open Lands Association	NA11N0S4190180
Biodiversity Project	NA12N0S4190105
Lake Michigan League of Women Voters	NA11N0S4190180
Field Museum	NA11N0S4190180
U of I Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Administration	NA11N0S4190180
Park District of Highland Park	NA12N0S4190105
Chicago Park District	NA11N0S4190180
Friends of the Chicago River	NA11N0S4190180
Prologue, Inc	NA12N0S4190105
City of Blue Island	NA11N0S4190180

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